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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROLETARIAT.

GLASGOW UNIONS FEDERATE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
At a mass meeting held in Glasgow for the purpose of amalgamating a number of the Unions, a resolution was passed condemning the action of the authorities, and demanding a public inquiry and the release of the arrested strike leaders.

The Glasgow operative bakers decided not to strike, but to negotiate for shorter hours.

TUBES RUNNING.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
The London underground railways company announces that the Tubes have resumed with reduced services. It is expected there will be full services on all lines by to-morrow.

DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
The Premier since early morning has been conferring at No. 10, Downing Street with the Ministers, including Mr. Bonar Law, Sir Robert Horne, Sir Albert Stanley, and numerous officials. It is understood that besides dealing with the labour situation, the Premier also inquired into the recent trouble among the soldiers.

Mr. Thomas, M.P., secretary of the Railwaymen's Union, conferred with his executive in London this morning. Mass meetings of railwaymen are being held in London this afternoon to discuss the national situation.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
M. Pichon, interviewed by Reuter to explain the scope of the supreme economic council, cabled yesterday, said the council was an important step in the transition to peace conditions. It may possibly become permanent under the League of Nations. Anyhow, it will presently have a large share in reconstruction, and help Foch in an advisory capacity.

THE PRINKIPO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
M. Pichon personally opined that the Prinkipo conference would not meet unless further acceptances were received. He pointed out that the Bolsheviks' reply did not answer the Allied invitation but merely intimated the Soviets were ready to negotiate, whereas the Allies had advised them that if all the Russian Governments ceased fighting and foregathered at Prinkipo, we would meet them and help them to settle their grievances.

UKRAINE SOVIETS ACCEPT.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
"Le Temps" states Ukrainian Soviets have accepted the invitation to confer with the Allies but prefer Paris to Prinkipo, and would rather have a later date than Feb. 15.

FRENCH THINK GERMANS WANT MORE WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
The Paris newspapers, explaining the decision to make the armistice conditions more severe, declare that Foch was recently compelled to use threats to make the German plenipotentiaries attend a sitting of the armistice commission. The attitude of the German plenipotentiaries had changed in the last fortnight. They now declare they will only accept peace without victory. Moreover, the French military authorities believe the Germans have stopped demobilising, and have concentrated eighteen divisions on the eastern front under Hindenburg. Hence the Allies consider Germany must be brought to realise the impossibility of resisting the peace terms offered her. The papers state that Foch told the supreme war council the Germans were beginning to forget they were beaten. They had been slow in handing over transport, and had been making other difficulties. Foch advised Allied occupation of Essen.

ARMENIAN MASSACRE

TURKS TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
Constantinople reported on Feb. 6, that a court-martial trial had begun of the first party accused of instigating Armenian massacres. The party includes Kemal Bey, the ex-governor of Boghazlay and Kewfik, ex-commander of the gendarmerie at Yozghad, and Penaz Ali, an official at Yozghad. The public prosecutor emphasised the necessity of punishing the instigators of crimes which had horrified the whole of humanity. An Armenian lawyer gave evidence that the victims numbered 3,700, including women and children.

MISSION TO POLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Paris reports that the British delegates to Poland left last night. The Allies attach the greatest importance to the mission to Poland, regarding the establishment of a strong and independent state of Poland as one of the chief means of circumventing Germany's ambitious designs yet to become mistress of the whole of eastern Europe.

BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
A report shows increase in imports of £35,522,282 and of exports £5,677,008 as compared with the returns for January 1918.

GERMANY.

TO HAVE PRESIDENT AND CABINET TO-MORROW.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
Copenhagen reports a message from Berlin yesterday saying the national assembly will discuss a bill regarding the German empire's constitution to-morrow. It will finish the three readings on Feb. 11 so that the election of the President of Germany can be made on Feb. 12. A cabinet will be formed immediately thereafter, so that a legal government shall exist on Feb. 12 when negotiations regarding the prolongation of the armistice can commence.

ARMISTICE TERMS MORE SEVERE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
According to a Paris message yesterday, it appears the supreme war council that afternoon reached an agreement regarding the necessity, in view of Germany's attitude, of making the conditions for renewal of the armistice more severe, by instituting control of demobilisation and the production of factories which were previously engaged in war work. Only the ways and means of securing the execution of these conditions remain to be settled, and it is thought the sitting on Feb. 10 will suffice for this.

CLASS WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Cologne learned on February 7 from Dusseldorf that a strike of the middle classes was officially declared over the Spartacists conceding the chief demands of the bourgeoisie strikers.

HINDENBURG'S NEW ARMY.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Berne says that Herr Haase, before leaving the Socialist conference for Weimar, said that Hindenburg was organising a volunteer army of 600,000 in Pomerania and East Prussia in view of a reactionary coup d'etat. His headquarters were at Tolberg on the Baltic coast, which was a stronghold of Prussian junkers. Herr Haase advised the Powers to watch the movements of the Hindenburg army closely, and if necessary to insist upon limitation of its strength.

SPARTACIST RISING.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
A Paris message from Zurich reports a serious Spartacist outbreak in Berlin. Soldiers and sailors commanded by Eichhorn occupied an important thoroughfare. Government troops fired, killing 8 and wounding 40. Strict censorship is being enforced.

PARTY LINES OF NEW CABINET.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
The "Vossische Zeitung" states that the new German cabinet will be composed of sixteen members, of which the Social Democrats are to have the President and the Ministries of Defence, Labour, Economy, Nutrition, and Demobilisation. The Democrats are to have the vice-president and the Ministries of the Interior and Finance. The Centre are to have the Ministries of Justice, Treasury, and Posts, while the Democrats and Social Democrats have each one minister without portfolio. The Foreign Ministry is to be neutralised.

BOLSHIEVIE REVERSE.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
Bale learns from Kovno that owing to successes of Lithuanian troops and the advance of Finno-Estonian troops, the Bolsheviks have evacuated Vilna.

THE SILVER MARKET.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 10.
The silver market is quiet.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Lisbon reported yesterday that the Republicans had captured the towns of Lamego and Vizeu. The Royalist leader Faiva Couceiro was wounded.

VISCOUNT GREY AFFLICTED.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
The "Daily Mail" says Viscount Grey has gone blind and is learning the Braille system of reading and writing.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THOSE PACIFIC COLONIES.

LONDON, February 8th.
The "Times" correspondent at Paris, discussing the future of the German Colonies, on January 27th, stated that, as regards the Pacific Islands, there are three view-points, before the Conference. The Australians do not view with satisfaction the approach of Japan towards their shores. They ask what advantage Japan is seeking in the possession of the Marshall Islands and the Caroline Islands, where there is practically no Japanese population, but which are strategically important. The American view-point is that the Imperial Government should take over the whole of the German Colonies in the Pacific and administer them under the League of Nations. The attitude of Great Britain would seem to be that she is more or less bound by agreement to hand over the islands to Japan.

LONDON, February 8th.
That the rest of the German Colonies will become the direct possessions of the Dominions is a question which the Conference will be quite able to settle. No great trouble is anticipated in Colonial matters.

CHINESE BREACH OF PROMISE.

A Chinese young girl, Miss Chang, was betrothed without her consent while still a child to a boy, the matter being arranged by the respective parents, and "bargain money" was duly paid by the parents of the boy to the parents of the girl. Now Miss Chang has grown up, has received a good education, and is imbued with Western ideals of the marriage relation. She wants to decide the matter for herself.

The boy has also grown up, but he has not obtained any education. He has acquired a miscellaneous assortment of bad habits instead, which make him distasteful to his fiancée, who now refuses to marry him. The parents of the youth are angry, and threaten suit. Mr. Wang Chung Hui, well known as a specialist in comparative law, and an official of the Law Codification Bureau, was consulted, and gave as his opinion that the parents of the boy might succeed in an action against the girl's parents. The court could not compel Miss Chang to go through the marriage ceremony, but might order her to do so. If she refused, the court might proceed to award as damages twice the amount of earnest money originally paid to the girl's parents.

MEXICAN WIRELESS MANNED BY GERMANS.

More than 25 wireless stations in Mexico were under German control during the war, Edward Nally, vice-president of the Marconi Wireless Company of America, told the House Merchant Marine Committee on Tuesday while testifying in opposition to the bill proposing government monopoly of radio stations in the United States. "The Germans were in full control of the wireless stations in Mexico," he said, telling of an investigation made last year of the Mexican wireless situation by an agent of his company. "Although the Mexican Government claims title to all the wireless stations the apparatus is strictly German, and there have been German operators in every one of the stations. Moreover, there have sprung up government electrical shops with German superintendents, and the whole system has been supervised by German radio experts who were formerly employed at Sayville and Tuckerton and on the German liners which were interned in this country at the beginning of the war."

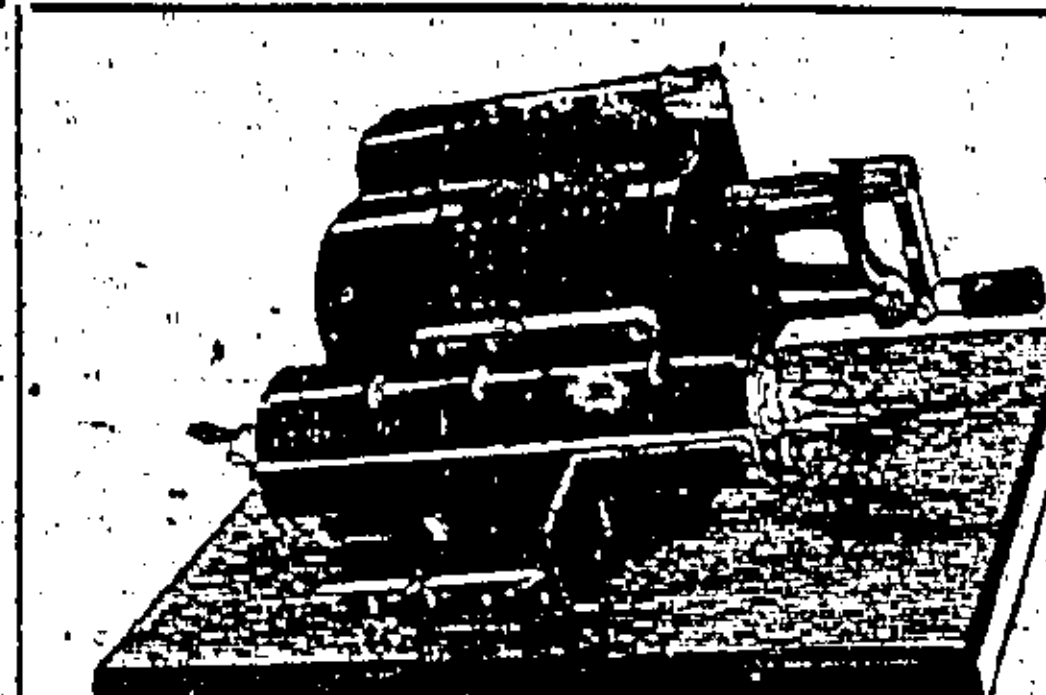
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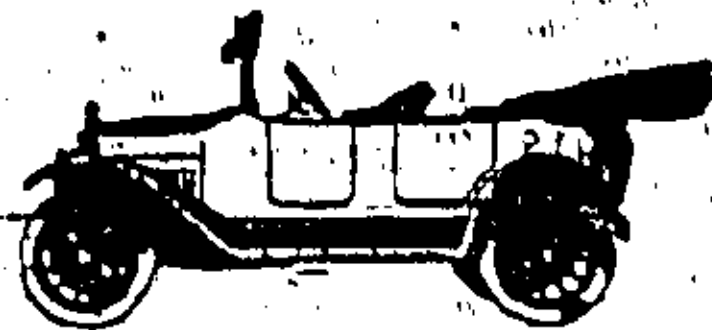
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BONES.

The American Museum in New York has for some years past sent out expeditions, according to "The World's Work," for the collection of the fossil remains of Pleocene-monsters. This is a line of research in which Professor Owen led the way two generations ago in London. New York has just completed, after six years' work, the setting up of the largest skeleton ever mounted; no fight task, for the thigh bone turned the scale at 570 lb. The Dinosaur Brontosaurus "measures" 77 ft. in length and over 15 ft. in height, and when alive probably weighed 90 to 50 tons. The terrible creature is pictured as having a long, thick tail, like a "board"; a long, flexible neck like an "elephant"; a long, sharp, shish-like body, and straight, massive post-hoof limbs suggesting an elephant.

DILKE DEAD.

The least-known baronet, Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, has died at Brighton, aged 41. He was the only son of Sir Charles Dilke, the famous Radical statesman, by the latter's first marriage, and his mother died the day after giving him birth, when still quite a lad the motherless boy went abroad, and was little seen in England for a number of years. After his father's second marriage the young man took his B.A. at Cambridge, but, despite considerable talents, he continued his secluded style of living. When his father died people had to hunt up the reference books to discover who was the heir to his fortune of £120,000. The baronetcy brought no change in the son's obscure life—the announcement of his marriage at Chichester Cathedral three years ago to a New South Wales lady was almost the only thing the world heard of him. The title now passes to his cousin, Lieut. Fisher Wentworth Dilke, Royal Berkshire Regt., son of the late Mr. Ashton Dilke, M.P.

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TEST OF A TEST.

The Medical Research Committee, in accordance with a scheme of investigation and standardization of pathological methods, has just issued a report on "The Diagnostic Value of the Wassermann Test." This is the well-known test for syphilis which is carried out by the use of a small quantity of the patient's blood. It had been suggested that the test was not invariably accurate and might be misleading.

Accordingly, Dr. Sequeira, of London Hospital, was approached, and agreed to select from among his patients a series of about 100, including untreated as well as treated cases, and also cases in which the diagnosis was doubtful. Further, some non-syphilitic cases were added for the purpose of control. Dr. Sequeira then sent specimens from these cases to three well-known bacteriologists—Colonel Harrison, of Rochester-row Military Hospital; Dr. Browning, Director of the Bland Sutton Institute of Pathology, Mid. Essex Hospital; and Dr. McIntosh, of London Hospital. The bacteriologists knew nothing of the cases, as Dr. Sequeira kept his own notes; they were merely required independently of one another to test the specimens submitted (each specimen was divided into three, a third part of each going to each bacteriologist) and report on the result of these Wassermann tests.

The result of this exceedingly interesting test of a test is given in full. The remarkable uniformity of the findings deserves to be widely known, for it shows how accurate is this method of diagnosing syphilis. The report states:—The Committee consider that in the hands of those whose previous record entitles them to be considered as experts, the percentage of positive Wassermann reactions in active syphilis is so high that the test may, for all practical purposes, be looked upon as specific. "The Times."



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Large Upholstered Chesterfield Sofas & Arm-chairs, by Maple, London, Occasional Tables, Lady's Teakwood Bureau, Carpets and Rugs, Pictures, Ac., Extension Dining Table (4 spare leaves) Sideboard, Dining Chairs, Ac., and a complete set of Table Glass "dishes", Waxed and Dry Bulb Thermometer, Antique Sheffield plate, Tea Tray Silver Fruit Dish, Ac., Ac., Ac.

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Also
Upright Overstrung Cottage Piano by Mautric in good condition, Barograph and Stand, American Ico Chest, Lady's carrying chair, Lawn Mower, Stone Roller, and a number of Pot Plants, Maiden Hair Fern, Ac., Ac., Ac.

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NOTICES.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, February 15, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd February to 13th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 29, 1919.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1919, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 10, to SATURDAY, February 22, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 4, 1919.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NANTO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"HOKUTO MARU,"
FROM JAPAN.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DOYNE & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1919.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENDONAN,"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, Feb. 10, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Steamer

"ATREUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holy's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after February 10.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the Feb. 17, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before March 3, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, Feb. 9, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Steamer

"PYRRHUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holy's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after February 10.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays & Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after Feb. 17, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before March 3, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, Feb. 9, 1919.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

THE Steamship

"TENYO MARU,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on February 11, 1919, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on February 15, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godown, where they will be examined on February 17, 1919, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised if filed after February 25, 1919.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1919.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

U.S.S. "GADDOPEAR,"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND SHANGHAI.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo will be landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on February 10, 1919, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after February 11, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature immediately.

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J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1919.

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The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hongkong, February 7, 1919:—

From	Address
New York	Clarke American Consul.
Shanghai	Yayuen England Market Middle.
Shanghai	Mr. Wongmingway Comptroller Tungchow.
Shanghai	H. Hara Hongkong Hotel.
Amoy	Yoyochang Caro Sweekoo-hong.
Shanghai	Tomyuhing Fourteen St. Tungkong.
Shanghai	Yokingwo Tunglee Company Central.
Kobe	Dr. Kato.
Shanghai	Yoyochang Caro Sweekoo-hong.
Shanghai	Kuochwanan Menchun West Street.
Amoy	Tanlungwei 1 Class Passenger Steamer.
Shanghai	Tanlungwei Winglock Street.
Amoy	Kiewwo (2).
Kobe	Able Pauls College.
Shanghai	Kalkee.
Shanghai	Capitan Monkman S.S. Shantung.
Shanghai	John Irving S.S. Sphinx.
Kagoshima	Kawachichi Captain Mikululu.
Shanghai	Yantai.
Shanghai	Gain Hongkong Hotel.
Shanghai	Soo Ching Sankwayuen.
Shanghai	612 Shikongtzy.
	T. KRING, Acting Superintendent.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong, February 6, 1919:—

From	Address
Fawcett Grand Hotel	Barrystedmund.
Forsee	Manila.
Frank Selby	San Francisco.
San Francisco	San Francisco.
Jarbal	Chicago Ill.
Jones	Chicago Ill.
Madame Rhems Astor	Shanghai.
Houso Hotel	Detroit retransmitted for Manila.
Temple	Shanghai.
T. R. Pooley Hongkong Hotel	Kuala Lumpur.
	J. R. GIBSON, Superintendent.

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COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO.,
LTD.

The 99th Ordinary Annual Meeting of the above Company was held in the Offices of the Company, Hotel Mansions, at noon to-day. Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided and there were also present: Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. H. W. Looker (directors); and Messrs: W. E. Clarke (secretary), A. Denison, A. R. Lowe, P. C. Potts, M. S. Northcote, A. E. Griffin, P. Tester, C. B. Buyers, A. E. Crappell, E. Abraham, D. Macdonald, Chan Lin Ki and J. Arnold.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed the Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—

You will, I have no doubt, agree to my following the usual course of taking the Report and Accounts as read, for they have been in your hands some time. Your Directors regret that the present report again shows such a poor result for the year's working. Although freights have been increased, wherever possible and the gross earnings of the steamers have nearly equalled those of the best year in the Company's history, the heavily increased running expenses have contributed towards the poor results. The most adverse influence on our figures has been the prohibitive price of bunker coal. The Company has had to pay some 250 to 300% increase on the pre-war cost of this article, some 200 per cent. increase in the price of all stores and about 50-100 per cent. higher charges for repairs, docking, and marine insurance. It had been only by careful management and effecting economies in every department that the report presented is not more adverse, but I am glad to say that the price of our Bunker Coal has already declined somewhat, and now that the war is to all intents and purposes over, I think we may safely look forward to our running expenses gradually assuming more reasonable proportions. Since our last Annual Meeting your Directors have succeeded in their negotiations for the sale of s.s. "Taishan". The book profit for this sale amounting to \$80,750.99 has been added to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. Turning to the Balance Sheet you will notice the Insurance and Underwriting A.C. has been augmented by the sum of \$20,625.00 representing the Company's share of marine insurance risk carried during the period under review. You will also note with pleasure that during 1918 the Investment Fluctuation Fund has shown an increase of \$123,724.30 due to the rise in values of local securities held by the Company. Taking advantage of the favourable exchange your Directors deemed it not only prudent, but also a patriotic step to invest more of the surplus funds of the Company in Sterling War Loans. Your Directors propose, subject to your approval, transferring the sum of \$5,000 from the Equalization Fund to Profit and Loss Account, leaving a balance of \$70,000 at credit of the Fund. My predecessor in the chair at the last Annual Meeting mentioned that steps were being taken with the owners of native owned vessels operating on the Hongkong-Canton Line and the Railway Administration to increase passenger fares. An understanding with all parties was arrived at in July and since that date increased rates to the mutual benefit of all concerned, have been in operation. During the latter part of the year your Directors decided to give a trial on the Canton run to the system of farming out native passenger and freight space. This system has been in operation with success on the Yangtze for some time in regard to passenger space and as conditions are similar, it was felt that the experiment should be made. In conjunction with the China Navigation Co., with whom we work on joint account on the Canton Line, an agreement was entered into with a Chinese syndicate for a short period, which terminated at the end of January. The arrangement has so far worked satisfactorily; in fact, on the results attained, the Board have decided to enter into a renewal of the agreement for a longer period on terms which I confidently hope will prove mutually beneficial to the Company and to the Chinese syndicate with whom we are working. I would point out that the arrangement aims at assuring to the Company a larger share of and more steady income from the Chinese passenger and cargo trade without relinquishing in any way the management of our vessels, and if, when difficulties arise, a reasonable and fair attitude is adopted by both signatories to the agreement, I see no reason why the experiment should not prove a success. During the year the usual Government survey has been held on all the Company's vessels and the same have all been docked for general overhaul. Following the example of other local companies, Gentlemen, your Board does not wish that the work of the Office staff should be forgotten. The Company's staff is one of the smallest of any limited Company in the Colony and

although circumstances have precluded us from showing as good result as we could have wished, your Directors are satisfied that the Office staff have worked well and done their utmost in the interests of the Company and it will, I hope, be in accordance with your wishes that your Directors have voted them a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries. It is with reluctance I have to inform you that Captain Clarke, our Secretary, has tendered his resignation, which the Board have accepted with regret, and at the end of the month he relinquishes a post that he has honourably and faithfully filled for 13 years. Altogether Captain Clarke has been 42 years in the service of the Company, and although to me to-day, he looks as young as when I first met him seven years ago, he feels that he is now entitled to spend his remaining years in retirement, and your Directors feel that this retirement has indeed been well earned. In 1906 Captain Clarke took over the Acting Secretaryship and soon afterwards received the substantive appointment, since when, through times of prosperity and adversity, the interests of the Company have always been his foremost consideration. As he is remaining in the Colony, in recognition of his long service, and in order to still retain the benefit of his experience, it is the intention of your Directors to invite him to a seat on the Board, and I feel sure that this proposal will meet with your hearty approval. The vacancy created by Captain Clarke's retirement will be filled for the present by the appointment of Mr. John Arnold as Acting Secretary. I think that the report and accounts call for no further comment from me, and I now formally propose that they be adopted and passed as circulated. Mr. D. Macdonald, in seconding the adoption of the report and account for the year under review, said:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,— I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. After the very clear explanation of the year's working given by the Chairman there is little left for me to add. The abnormal high freight rates ruling on the coast trade did not affect the river traffic to anything like the same extent as remained practically the same, the running expenses of the Company have been planned well up to a very high figure, in the circumstances I think we have reason to feel thankful that we pulled through a very adverse year on the river trade, so successfully. The new system of farming out native passenger and freight space must be left entirely in the hands of the management to work out. We hope it will prove successful and assist to bring about better results this year. We are glad to hear that the office staff have been remembered, the 10 per cent. bonus on their salaries which you propose, Sir, has been well earned. While we all feel a pang of regret at parting with Captain Clarke as our Secretary, we are pleased to learn that he is being elevated to the Directorate and feel sure that his long experience and extensive knowledge of the river trade will enable him to be of great and valued service to the Board. If in order, Sir, I would suggest that a small souvenir, in the form of a silver plate, be presented to Captain W. E. Clarke on which the Directors could record their appreciation of his long and faithful service of 42 years with the Company. The appointment of Mr. John Arnold as Acting Secretary reminds a few of us of the time when his father, Mr. Thomas Arnold, had given the same appointment and if he had inherited only a portion of his father's tact and ability he should prove a successful Secretary to the Company. (Applause.)

The confirmation of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale as a director of the Company was proposed by Mr. A. J. Arnold and seconded by Mr. C. B. Buyers and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale and Mr. H. W. Looker were re-elected directors of the Company, on the proposal of Mr. A. E. Griffin, seconded by Mr. A. Denison.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and A. R. Lowe were elected directors for the ensuing year, on the proposal of Mr. P. C. Potts, seconded by Mr. M. S. Northcote.

After the Chairman had announced that this concluded the business of the meeting, Capt. Clarke said:— Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,— Before dispersing, I would like to thank you for your signal mark of honour of all the good things you have said of my services coupled with the offer of a seat on the Directorate of the Company, upon my retirement from Secretaryship, which I shall always be glad to serve and render any assistance in the interests of the Company where I have spent so many years of my life. It is a pleasure to me to know and have your assurances that my services in the past have met with your approval. I thank you for your confidence and sincerely hope I shall continue to merit your appreciation in the future. On behalf of the Office Staff and myself, I thank you for the bonus granted.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that Dividend Warrants are now ready and may be had on application.

EXTRADITION CASE.

EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF
ARMED ROBBERS.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, application was made by the Canton Authorities for the extradition of a Chinese named Chow Tak who is alleged to have been concerned in a robbery in the Hoi Ping District in October of last year.

Mr. Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the Crown whilst the prisoner was undefended.

Mr. Longinotto said that the prisoner who was arrested in a local Chinese boarding house, was alleged to be one of the leaders of the bandits who invaded the Hoi Ping district, burning houses and stealing cattle, money, clothing and jewellery. They also kidnapped over 100 persons and held them for ransom. The villages destroyed by the outlaws included Chung Hing Lee, Tung Shing Lee, and the Pak Shing Lee villages in the Sheung Tung, Mau Kong and Hoi Ping district. Counsel said that witnesses would be called from these places. The loss sustained in destroyed property and stolen valuables is estimated roughly at over \$10,000. Evidence was then called, and Chan Ka Chung, a native of the Chung Hing Lee village and managing partner of a shop dealing in cotton in Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, said he went to the country on October 2 and stayed there for some days. At about 6 a.m. on October 8, he was awakened by the noise of robbers breaking down the gate in the fence surrounding his house. Witness ran out of the house by the street door and escaped and he, together with his wife and child, took refuge in a bamboo grove on the hill behind the village. From his hiding place, he could command a good view of what took place in the village. Witness saw the outlaws pull down the gate of the fence of his house and then he saw the prisoner lead a gang of robbers inside. Witness heard the prisoner say "this is Chau Ka Chung's house." He (prisoner) had a rifle on his shoulder and stood at the gate whilst his followers ransacked the house and carried away \$1,100 worth of clothing, jewellery and money. The witness heard the prisoner say to the others "Chan Ka Chung has escaped and there is no possibility of taking anyone for ransom. Burn the house down." The order, said witness, was promptly carried out by the others who set fire to the house, destroying the whole building together with the furniture and other effects. They went on looting until 10 o'clock, going from house to house destroying property and by the time they left the village, they had captured as many as 120 inhabitants of the village whom they took with them for ransom. All the portable articles of value were carted off into the next village where the sacked the houses and set fire every where they went. The pillage was also carried out in several of the neighbouring villages before the outlaws ultimately retired. The witness's house was damaged to the extent of \$6,000. He thought the outlaws numbered about 600, all armed. Many shots were fired and about 16 houses were burned down. The witness went to Shek Hom on Oct. 10, on business and returned to Hongkong on the following day. The prisoner belonged to the neighbouring village of Tung Shing Lee and witness had known him from boyhood. Witness received news from the country on Jan. 16 that the prisoner had escaped to Hongkong and identified him, at an identification parade at Victoria Goal on Sunday.

The case was adjourned at this stage.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The match between R. W. Bearne v. J. G. P. Foulds was won by Mr. R. W. Bearne with a wide margin of 144 points.

There were breaks of 18, 20 and 26, the highest of which was scored by Bearne.

The winner played a consistent game.

R. W. Bearne 400 points.
J. G. P. Foulds 256 points.

The following match is to be played to-night: S. M. Tatton, D.C.M., R.G.A. v. Pokie P. Wong.

It is reported that as the port of Antwerp is now open, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha purpose despatching their steamers thither should sufficient inducement be offered.

A Berlin telegram to Tokyo says that newspapers announce that an American firm is about to buy the Schichau shipbuilding plant, one of the largest in Germany, for G. \$40,000,000.

Mr. John Stuart Thomson, who used to be manager here for the Pacific Mail and Toyo Kisen Kaisha, is making a name as a "literary gent" in the McGill University Magazine of Montreal. He has just had a sonnet published. He also had a war ode in the "Windsor Magazine." His book, "China Revolutionized," has been exceedingly well reviewed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Pass Office at the Central Police Station will be moved to the top floor of the General Post office Building on the 16th inst. on and after that date permits to leave the colony will be issued from the new office.

In addition to the contingent of French military aviators now in Japan, says the "Nichi Nichi," some 30 French workmen to be employed in manufacturing aeroplanes will arrive in Yokohama on or about February 15, via San Francisco. These workmen have been despatched by the French Government with a view to helping in developing aviation in Japan.

Lord Haldane recently told the story of the secret mobilisation of the British Army on August 3rd. Speaking at a lecture by Major R.M. Johnstone, Professor of History of Harvard, at Bedford College, he said: "I do not think people know when we mobilised. I will tell you. There is no need to keep it a secret now. We mobilised at 11 o'clock on Monday, August 3rd, 36 hours before we declared war. We were then all ready, and then a few hours after we declared war the British Expeditionary Force were, with the aid of our splendid Navy, right across the Channel. The concentration was made in nine days."

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A DANGEROUS MEASURE.

In the International Sugar Journal Mr. Martineau claimed that "the great success of the sugar industry in Java is due to natural advantages coupled with that great capability on the part of the Dutch planters which has brought the Java industry to an exceptionally high pitch of perfection."

This judgment was used by other writers to stimulate the sugar planters from different British colonies to greater activity and the adoption of modern methods, efficient machinery and a liberal use of fertilizers. "One ton sugar per acre" is the slogan used in this campaign.

British India, an important market for Dutch Indian sugar, has already largely extended its sugar areas. The Philippine Islands at last have also adopted modern methods and expect a bigger crop. Cuba which has had some very prosperous years, is also extending and improving.

Yet in October 1918 one could read in Facts about Sugar—

"Every calculation indicates that the world will be short on sugar for years to come. Every producer sees the need of additional working capacity."

That was on account of the fact that nothing pointed to a revival of the beet-sugar industry of Europe. Since then reports from France informed us that the beet-sugar industry in the North of France, now freed from the Germans, was to be revived as soon as possible. Of course there will be a shortage but it will not last so long as is generally thought. Moreover, there is no saying that the Java sugar will benefit by this shortage. It is not so long ago that every other sugar country benefited Java and Java experienced serious losses. Java does not market the bulk of its sugar in Europe. It is even in danger of losing in years to come that customer British India.

At all events it would be sensible if Java in order to be prepared for all possibilities could lower the cost of production and raise the yield per acre. But it is already certain that Java will have to pay higher wages and land rents.

The Java sugar industry cannot afford to take things easy for the years to come and we would say that the E. I. Government will have to handle this industry with care if it sets the least value upon it.

The Government however deemed it wise to reduce the sugar areas by 25 per cent, on account of the rice scarcity in Java. The sugar planters remonstrated and said that they could easily get the amount of food that was needed. They pointed to the heavy loss this reduction would inflict upon the natives who probably would not use the fields they got back and thus lose the wages to buy food with. But it was of no avail.

This is a very serious blow for the Java sugar industry, the effect of which will be felt a long time afterwards and may lead to all sorts of dangerous consequences and complications. The areas have been extended lately in order to decrease the cost-price. The result of a forced reduction is obvious.

The position of Java sugar on the world's market is favourable for the moment. But there is no saying how long this will last. The favourable position mainly concerns ready sugars stocked now in Java, as will be shown by the following note from the editor of "Facts about Sugar" in a leader under the heading "World's sugar shortage grows" (in the November issue).

"Periods of drought have been reported from nearly all sugar producing countries during the past season, and their effect is recorded in crop returns which almost uniformly show diminished yields as compared with earlier estimates. It begins to look as though an early ending of the war would leave Java as the sole repository of a reserve supply of sugar. Java's stocks, while representing a large tonnage, would not last long if subjected to a world-wide demand."

This calls attention to the important part the Java sugar stock now plays in the world's food distribution. A world-wide demand for Java sugar will inflate the price, but as a matter of fact it will also create such a position for Java sugars that it may be possible if cleverly handled by the Government to use the export of sugar as a means to get rice in exchange.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla & Kotwall, the Cotton & Yarn Brokers, report to-day. Since our last report on the 10th Ult. by Mr. "Dilwara," our yarn market has not undergone any material change, except that a slight decline in the rates has been registered owing, of course, to the heavy drop in American cotton.

During this interval, the business, both spot and to arrive, has passed in about 9000 bales mostly in known chops of 10s and 12s yarn at a reduction of \$4 per bale.

The peculiar feature of the market is that notwithstanding the above decline No. 20s yarn has increased about \$10 in price on account of no stock and less probability of any arrivals in near future.

We close with a steady tendency.

Latest cable advice from Bombay speaks of resumption of the mill hands' strike there and mills are reported to have closed down again.

Total sales during this interval amount to 9,000 Bales.

Bargains in Chinese hands about 14,000 bales.

The Mail Str. "Dilwara," and extra Str. "Hejaz" brought in 9000 bales, for Hongkong and 4000 bales for Shanghai.

Shanghai reported during the early period, a very meagre business at a decline of tael 3 per bale, but on opening of the market after the holidays, a very brisk business has been done with prices advancing all round.

Japanese Yarn.—For some time past, the arrivals were very small and demand being greater, prices have kept an upward course and with a rise of \$10 per bale, following sales are effected during the interval.

Quotations and sales are as follows:—150 Bales Nagasaki No. 20s at \$255/270, Bales 30s at \$265/275, Bales 40s at \$275/285, Bales 50s at \$285/295, Bales 60s at \$295/305, Bales 70s at \$305/315, Bales 80s at \$315/325, Bales 90s at \$325/335, Bales 100s at \$335/345, Bales 110s at \$345/355, Bales 120s at \$355/365, Bales 130s at \$365/375, Bales 140s at \$375/385, Bales 150s at \$385/395, Bales 160s at \$395/405, Bales 170s at \$405/415, Bales 180s at \$415/425, Bales 190s at \$425/435, Bales 200s at \$435/445, Bales 210s at \$445/455, Bales 220s at \$455/465, Bales 230s at \$465/475, Bales 240s at \$475/485, Bales 250s at \$485/495, Bales 260s at \$495/505, Bales 270s at \$505/515, Bales 280s at \$515/525, Bales 290s at \$525/535, Bales 300s at \$535/545, Bales 310s at \$545/555, Bales 320s at \$555/565, Bales 330s at \$565/575, Bales 340s at \$575/585, Bales 350s at \$585/595, Bales 360s at \$595/605, Bales 370s at \$605/615, Bales 380s at \$615/625, Bales 390s at \$625/635, 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